In Loving Memory Of

Mable Fay Clay

December 15, 1942 – September 30, 2011

2 Tim 4:7

"I have fought a good fight..."

Memorial Services

Tuesday, October 11th, 2011 - 12:00 noon

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

831 South 43rd St

Richmond, CA 94804

Pastor - Rev. Dr. James Spearman

Officiating -Rev. Dr. C. Lloyd Farr

Obituary

Mable Fay Clay was born December 15, 1942, in Louisville Arkansas to the proud parents of Otto and Blanchie Clay who preceded her death. She was the fifth child of eight children.

In 1943, her parents moved the family to Richmond, California. Mable begin an completed her education in the Richmond Unified School District. At 12 years old Mable was baptized at St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev R. L. Johnson where she was and active member of the Jr. Choir, the Youth Choir and the Young Adult Choir - "Voices of St John." She was also active in all other youth auxiliaries and the usher board. Mable was also a member of the Star of Love Chapter #22 Order of Eastern Star Golden Poppy Grand Chapter.

In her early twenties Mable was employed at Fairchild Semiconductor in San Rafael, CA. and UC Berkeley where she was the Supervisor of files in the College of Letters and Science. In the early 80's Mable took a job at Central Bank in Richmond, CA, and later worked at Bio-Rad in Richmond, CA. After suffering a back injury Mable retired to take care of her family that she loved dearly. Mable enjoyed music, fashion, socializing with her family and laughing. Mable also enjoyed football and an occasional game of Bingo. Mable was nurturing, giving, kind and was a sweet spirit. She truly possessed the virtue of helpfulness and touched the hearts of everyone she came in contact with. Mable was also preceded in death by her brother Copelin Clay, sister Lola Mae Clay, and brother Frederick Clay, and two nephews; Danny Clay and Roy Boswell, all of Richmond CA.

Mable leaves to cherish her memories her brother; Ernest Lee Clay, of Richmond, CA (wife Edna), Three Sisters; Natalie Clay Lee of Fairfield, CA, Barbara K. Hall of Fremont, CA (husband Linear) and Ada Clay Martin of Reno, NV (husband Frank). Very special nieces; Vickie Clay, Terri Lee, Evelyn Jackson (husband Essie), Mary Boswell, Robin Thomas-Willis (husband David), Artavia Clay (husband Kenny), Kimberly Clay, Tamarra Clay, Morgan Johnson and Gabrielle Hall. and special nephews; Tijuan Clay, Eric Clay (wife Sandra), Mark Clay, Dell Lee (wife Yolanda), Reggie Mulder (wife Tracey), Omar Geisinger (wife Tania), and Frederick Clay Jr. and a long list of great nieces, nephews, great great nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Mable F. Clay

Our family has once again suffered a GREAT loss in the passing of Mable, who held a very unique position in our family. Though she never gave birth to any children she had part in raising each and every one of us, so we honor her as a MOTHER.

She dedicated her youthful years to looking after and seeing to the needs of others and for this we honor her as a provider; and to my knowledge, she never made an enemy of anyone, so we honor her as an ambassador of LOVE.

Each of us has our own relationship and memories of the time spent with Mable. What I will take from this experience of having had her in my life for the fifty-two years of my existence is that she was solid as a rock, with unshakable for resilience and a beautiful smile that illuminated from her heart.

Cancer may have taken her body, but God holds her spirit and her soul and one day she will receive a cancer-free body in the resurrection. Mable once told me that she cried when she was happy and she laughed when she was sad; so, let us cry tears of joy because she is no longer suffering and let us laugh in our grieving, because we know that though we may be hurting God has given Mable the VICTORY!

Thank you God for the years that you loaned her to us. Because of her love for you and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of her life, she is with you, For your Word says "...Absent from the body and to be present with the Lord" - 2 Cor. 5:8.

We love you Mable – You will forever be in our hearts

Rev. Eric D. Clay

WHAT A WOMAN!

WHO WAS THIS WOMAN
WHO STOOD THE TEST OF TIME?
WHO MADE DECISIONS AND FOLLOWED THEM THROUGH,
WHO KNEW ALL OF US, INCLUDING YOU

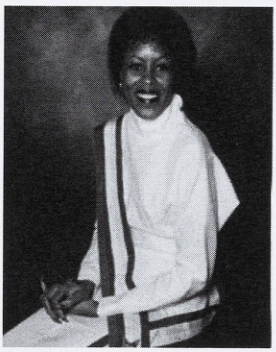
WHO WAS THIS WOMAN WHO HANDLED TOUGH CHALLENGES,
AND TOOK CARE OF HER FAMILY ONE BY ONE?
WHO WAS THIS WOMAN WHO REMEMBERED THE DAY,
IN WHICH ALL OF US CAME FROM?

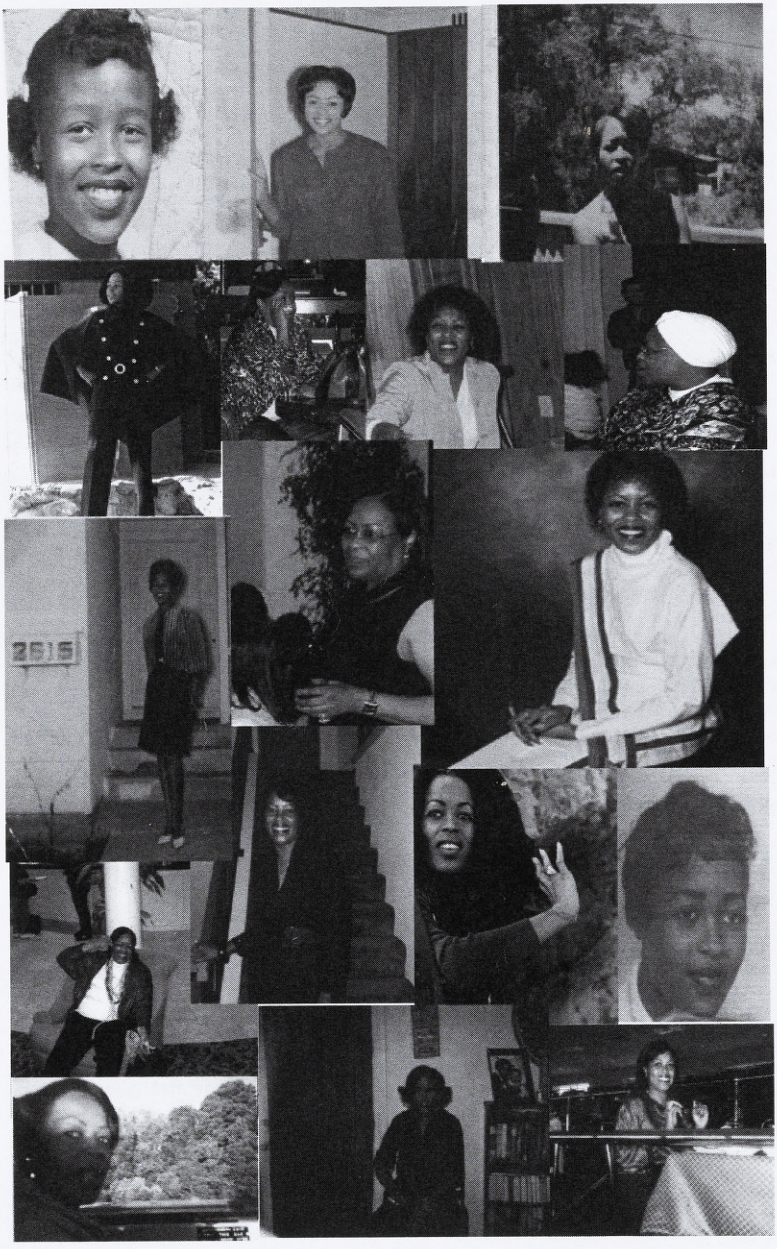
ON OUR BIRTHDAYS, SHE'D CALLED US
YET SHE PROMISED TO HALT, ANYONE WHO DIDN'T REMEMBER HER
AND KEEP HER IN THEIR THOUGHTS
AND IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE THIS, JUST FORGET DECEMBER 15TH
LISTEN TO WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE YOUR HEART
WHEN IT GIVES INTO A VERY LOUD BEAT!

WHO WAS THIS WOMAN WHO LOVED TO LAUGH
AND LOVE TO HAVE GREAT FUN?
WHO FOUGHT CANCER OVER EIGHT PLUS YEARS,
THINKING THIS FIGHT MAY COULD HAVE BEEN WON;
SHE NEVER GAVE UP, AND SHE FOUGHT TO THE END,
YET A STRONGER FORCE INSIDE OF HER SAID,
I THINK IT'S POSSIBLE I COULD WIN

SO, AS OUR AUNT, OUR MOTHER, OUR COUSIN, AND DEAR FRIEND;
THIS PERSON WAS - "MABLE CLAY"
WHO DECIDED SHE WAS TIRED,
BUT THAT SHE WILL SEE US ALL AGAIN.

Rev. Evelyn Jackson

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Order of Service

Processional

Scripture:

Old Testament .....Christian Hutchings	Psalms 23
New Testament ..... Etienne R.N. Ndedi	Rev.21:1-4

Prayer	Rev. Dr. Lloyd Farr
Selection "Peace In the Valley"	Dr. Leah Johnson
Cards and Condolences	Pat Farr
Remarks (2 minutes each)	Family/Friends
Remarks	Pulpit
Selection "Good Bye World, Hello Heaven"	Florenzo Van Hook
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Lloyd Farr

Parting Views/Recessional

To My Sister Natalie

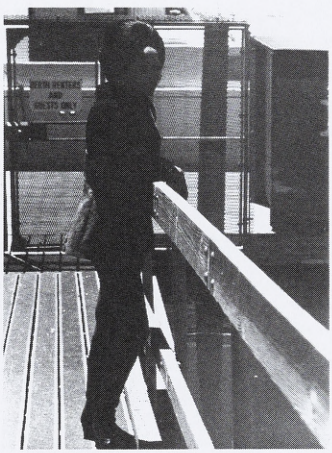
"May I Go"

May I go now?
Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain filled days
and endless lonely nights?
I've lived my life and done my best,
an example tried to be.
So can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now
to a warm and living light.
I want to go
I really do.
It's difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can
to live just one more day.
To give you time to care for me
and share your love and fears.
I know you're sad and afraid,
because I see your tears
I'll not be far,
I promise that, and hope you'll always
know that my spirit will be close to you
wherever you may go
Thank you so for loving me.
You know I love you too,
that's why it's hard to say goodbye
and end this life with you.
So hold me now just one more time
and let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me,
you'll let me go today

To My loving Family

" I am Free"

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free



Active Pallbearers

Marlon Patton
Garrett Payne
Chester Thomas Sr.
David Miles
Eric Tillman
Danny Walker

Honorary Pallbearers

Tijuan A Clay
Mark A Clay
Dell Lee
Frederick Clay Jr.
Marquel Dawson
Frank Martin
David Jones
Eric Clay
Reggie Mulder
Omar Geisinger
Norris Crawford
Shamir Geisinger
David Willis
Marc Jones

In Appreciation

We the Clay family would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the friendship and support through the prayers, cards and calls in our time of distress. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say, perhaps you were not there at all and thought of us each day. What ever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever your part. For all the love and kindness shown to Mable through your time and extra special care we thank you and you are well appreciated by all. We have been humbled. May God bless and keep you as he has our family through your support.

A Special Thanks to all our loving cousins….Julia, Annie Marie and a host of others.

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Richmond, Ca. 94806

Repast Immediately after at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church